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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. ~~Nos~~ 4

Part B for June 1950

SUBJECT

Grant of maintenance and Food Allowance to Sri B. N. Gopala Rao.

No. S 106/CB

D. 30. 6. 50

To

Sri B. N. Gopala Rao.
16. First Main Road
Chamarajapet
Bangr

Jon 31/7/50

382/CB

To

The Hon. the Chief Minister,
The Govt. of Mysore
Bangalore.

Office of the Chief Minister
No. PM 73.
Date. 17.4.50

Sir,

1) I am all heart and no tongue to express my feelings of great joy and gratitude, for the maintenance allownance so kindly sanctioned to me and my eight children by your hon. self last month.

2) I can only assure youm that even a cup of water, brough to the parched lips of my children, shall not remain unrewarded by the Great and Mecriful God, and that the joy that my little children felt on the new year day as a result of your bountiful help, shall spring up again and again in the hearts of your ~~xg~~ children, for many years to come, year after year. This is the law of Love & Mercy.

3) May I request you to kindly grant the food allowance for this month of April 1950, from out of my assets, and preserve my children, whom you have saved from ruin and starvation, and richly earn the blessings of God.

Chief Sec.
R.T. Rea.
17/4/50

4) Thanking you again, ~~I remain~~, sir,

Yours Sincerely
B. N. Gopala Rao.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
21 APR 1950
OF MYSORE

B. N. Gopala Rao.
16, First Main Road,
Chamarajapet,
Bangalore City. 2nd.April'50

5) We have no recpts of any maundu. allee.

6) What is meant by food allee. for April 50? Where are his assets? I do not think there are any pecuniary recpts. in the Estt.

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Sd
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Maintenance and Food allowance to

General and Revenue Secretariat

Sri BN Gopala Rao of 19 . 382/CB

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7) Reference Chief Secretary's observation on paras 5 and 6 on the P.W.D. ....

8) There are no previous References bearing light on the subject in the Confidential Branch. For orders whether Sri Babu Reddy, Ld. Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, may be addressed in the matter. Submitted with draft letter for approval.

22/4.

Chief Secy

9) HMR 22/4/50

22.4.50.

10) HCS 24.4.50. HMR 24/4/50

Issued do letter No. 1251/CB dated 26th April 1950 to Sri N.V. Babu Reddy, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Ld. Secretary, Gopal Rao Enquiry Committee

Sw

Received letter from Sri BN Gopala Rao, reminding to sanction the food allowance due for the month of April 1950.

Submitted

11) Sri BN Gopala Rao has sending us Volleys of reminders. As we have no previous References, a letter has been issued to Sri N.V. Babu Reddy on 26th April and no reply has yet been received from him. For orders whether a reminder may be sent Tohim.

KM 2/5.

12) ~~Please put up draft.~~ May be reminded over the 'phone, if approved.

2.5.50.

13) Draft as fair ga reminder may be put up

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14) Draft and fair & Reminder is put up for approval.

3/5.

15) Issue Tamy. amR 4/5/50.

Issued

3.5.50.

Issued NO. 1587/CB. Dy 3rd/5th May 1950

To Sri N. V. Bana Reddy, D.I.G. Bangalore.

Sm

Letter NO. 19/50, Dy 6.5.50 from Sri N. V. Bana Reddy suggesting payment of maintenance to Sri B. N. Gopalarao for another fortnight from 1.3.50 to 15.3.50.

16) Submitted with connected references and a Copy of the Special Enquiry Committee (Amendment) Act 1950, as instructed.

17) As per instructions, a draft G.O. is put up separately recording the winding up of the Gopalarao Enquiry Committee, ~~[illegible]~~ with effect from 1.4.50.

Issued

8.5.50.

18) The maintenance allowance that has been awarded to Sri B.N. Gopala Rao may perhaps continue till 1st April 1950, on which date the Committee was wound up, the ~~cost~~ being debited to the funds collected by the Committee.

Chief Secy) JemR 8/5/50

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19) I have discussed the matter with Sri. Balan Reddy, D.C. of Police, who worked as Secretary of the Committee. I was given to understand that prior to the Committee taking over the work, there was a Court order, in the Inam proceedings that had been instituted prior to the formation of the Committee, ordering a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs 150/-, till the proceedings relating to the Inam enquiry application were wound up. The Gopal Rao Enquiry Committee took over the work of Inam proceedings also (vide S.7 B of the Special Enquiry Commissioners Act), and as it felt it was bound to honour the order of the Court re the subsistence allowance, continued to pay Rs 150/- p.m. during the entire period of the Enquiry. With the conclusion of the labours of this Special Committee, the matters relating to Inam proceedings must also be deemed to have been concluded; the original order of the Civil Court, is so far as it stands on that date. Whether this date should be 15.3.50, the date on which the final report was sent to Govt, or

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whether if not be 31. 3. 50, the date on which the Commissioner wound up the office, is for order.

20) A G.O. with is one, formally ~~transmitting~~ directing the Commissioner as on 11. 3. 50 or 31. 3. 50, and in order that this may be done, I have requested Sri. Babu Reddy to make an official reference. Perhaps some appreciative reference have to be made therein regarding the work of the Commissioner, as a whole, and not as regards the individual members thereof, or of the officers & officials in particular.

21) A legal question arises now, as to whether Govt. are competent to order for the payment of the fee, & if so whether they can ask Sri Babu Reddy to make the payment, from out of the unspent balances of the moneys received. Who is to be in charge of these funds, the records, accounts, their mode of disposal, who is to take notice of legal processes, the person who is to pursue further recoveries on some of the undisposed Administrative aspects of the Commissioner's work, are all matters

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Representation (Hon'ble K.) Which would claim the attention of Govt. Early.

Rd 6/5/50 from Sri B.N. Gopala Rao, praying for Maintenance and food allowance.

Chief Min. 9.5.50

Hon'ble 9.5.50

22) A Comprehensive note may be put up covering all the points for decision and brought up before the Council as early as possible.

Office of the Chief Minister
No. 1309
Date of Receipt 9.5.50

Rec'd 11/5

Rec'd 10/5/50

Hon'ble 11/5/50

Hon'ble 11/5/50.

Submitted

23) In the first instance the file may perhaps be referred to the Law Branch to express their remarks regarding the points raised in para 21. If necessary Sri N.V. Babu Reddy may also be requested to give his opinion in the matter.

12/5/50

24) The legal position that has emerged as a result of the proceedings of the Gopalarao Enquiry Committee which functioned as an enquiry Committee with definite terms of reference and as an insolvency Court under an Act promulgated by His Highness requires to be thoroughly examined — in the light of pending cases in the Courts in the State and the appeal preferred in the Supreme Court at Delhi.

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25) It is not known whether Gopalarao has been declared ~~a~~ an insolvent under a judgement passed by the Gopalarao Enquiry Committee or otherwise and what his present position is, legally. It has yet to be determined whether he is an ordinary insolvent, that is, a debtor unable to pay his debts, a failed businessman, a cheat or a dupe. His "business" has been compared to that of a totalizator where collections are pooled and distributed on the results of the race that is run. The comparison, if logically extended, would mean that the so-called "creditors" of Gopalarao were no more than speculators who played for high stakes and lost, and it is doubtful whether under the law they would be entitled even to consideration, let alone compensation.

26) Before proceeding further, it may be necessary to consult the Advocate General, and for this purpose, it may be necessary to make available to him a copy of the Report of the Gopalarao Enquiry Committee and all the papers connected with the proceedings of the Insolvency Court. A

27) It may be appreciated.

12.5.50. Chief Secy) KMR 15/5/50

28) ~~Dr Gopalarao~~ It is not necy. to send a copy of the report now I think.

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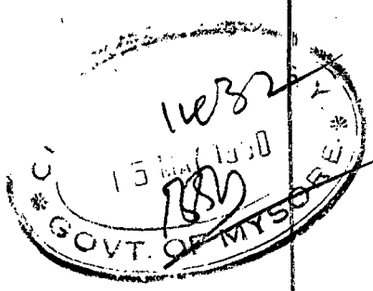
Serial No.



Opinion of the Law Secy & the A-G may be obtd v. early, on the legal aspects.

15/5/50

Submitted

2) If approves the file may be sent to the Law Secretary and also to the Actg. U.O.

15/5 15.5.50.

Law Secy)

30) 15/5/50

Law Sec'y 31) 16/5/50.

3) If approved the Advocate General will be consulted in the first instance. Orders for orders

17/5 U.O. No. 17 32) 18.5.50 Forwarded with compliments to the Advocate-General in Mysore for favour of opinion.

7. No. 109/50-51 of 18.5.50

M.K. Varadarajan
for Secy to Govt
Law Dept.
18/5/50

Returned with compliments.

33) It is seen from the letter dated 6-5-1950 of the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, that the Committee felt bound by the order passed by the Insolvency Court and paid maintenance up to 28-2-1950, i.e., the date of the Report. Mr. Babu Reddy however recommends that the Report was actually submitted to Government on 15-3-1950 and that the Committee's office was closed on 31-3-1950 and that B.N.Gopala Rao may be paid maintenance for another fortnight till 15-3-1950. This would not be in accordance with the order of the Chairman, - may not be strictly logical though kind and may create an

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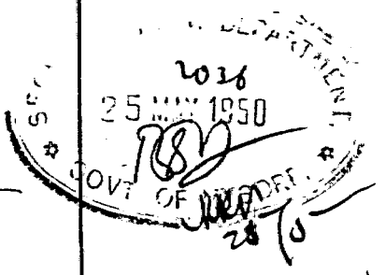
an inconvenient precedent as payment has now been made up to 1-3-1950 under the orders of the Chairman. The granting of such maintenance was, if at all, within the powers of that Committee. As the Committee Report has been forwarded to Government and the proceedings before the Committee have terminated, Mr. B.N.Gopala Rao may be informed that his request for future maintenance allowances cannot be entertained by the Government.

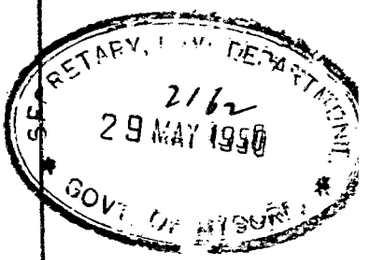
Advocate-General.

H/24.5.50.



34) The views of the Advocate-General are first submitted with reference to para 28 supra.

Law Secy) 29/5



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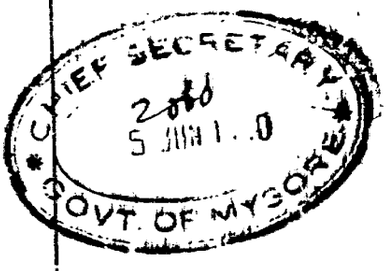
Chief Secy) 31/5/50. 1084 fr 5/6



36) C.N.

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5/6/50

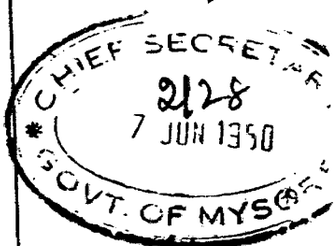
Submitted

Letter dt 17/5/50 from Sri B.N. Gopala Rao received from P.S. to Hon'ble is also placed below.

Draft Circular Letter is put up for approval and orders.

Chief Secy)

6/6/50



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C. 112/ 50-51.

Extract from the Proceedings of the 46th *Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Bangalore on* 26th June *19* 50.

SUBJECT:-

Grant of Maintenance and Food Allowance to Sri B.N. Gopala Rao.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

There is no need to grant him any Maintenance or Food Allowance.

(Sd) H. C. DASAPPA

Minister for Finance & Industries in charge of current duties of the Chief Minister.

C.B.

26/6/50 -
amk
27.6.50.

"EXTRACT"

Chief Secretary to Government.

Maintenance & Food Allowance to Sri R.N. Gopalaswamy
664 & 1026 & 1129/LB

Signed copies of Council Note are placed below

VTM 8/6/50

Council Section
8 JUN 1950
CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH

Council File No. C. 112/50-51.
For Consideration
at a Meeting of Council
smR
13.6.50

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13.6.50.

Draft refg ufont up for approval
smR
29.6.50.
(Chief Secy)

CHIEF SECRETARY
29 JUN 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

VTM 29/6.

29.6.50.

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smR
29.6.50.

5106 [LB. 67] 30/6/50.

To Sri Gopala Rao. Informs that his
request cannot be entertained. See—
5107 - 5109/LB. 67 30/6/50

Copy to 1. P.S. to HM
2 Sri N.V. Babu Reddy.
3. Addl. Secy.

Petition of Sri B. N. Gopala Rao.

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Letter No D 6515-P/57 dt 18-8-1950 from the Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India Ministry of States forwarding the petition dt 25-7-50 in original of Sri B N Gopal Rao.

160-5-D-51.

1) Subd for perusal

CKS 8/9/50

2) Please put up previous papers

Sd/- 8.9.50.

3) Resubd with previous papers 4) If considered necessary Govt of India may be informed of the decision taken in the matter.

CKS 9/9/50. Chief Secy 11.9.50

Sd/- 9.9.50.

5) NS 11/9 Secy 12/9/50.

6) Draft letter to Govt of India is subd

CKS 19/9/50

As it is not usual to send a reply in cases where a petition is sent for in original for disposal, it is for orders whether a reply is at all necessary. The papers may be deposited, if approved.

For orders.

Sd/- 19-9-50. Chief Secy

Secy 20/9/50

Papers to be withdrawn. 21/9 Secy 21/9/50

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CHIEF SECRETARY 569 21 SEP 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Petition of Sri B. V. Gopala Rao.

File No. of 19 General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

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Issue sd/R 30/10/50.

CRO 3/10/50

3.10.50.

No 9682/CB

4-10-50 to Sri B.V. Gopala Rao.

Bus the file

K.Srinivasan,B.Sc.,
Chief Secretary to Government
of Mysore.

25th April 50.
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1251/07
Pt:1

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the letter, dated 2nd April, received from Sri.B.N.Gopala Rao, requesting the grant of "Food Allowance" for the month of April 1950 and to request you to intimate whether the matter was dealt with by the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, and if so, where the connected papers are.

Yours sincerely,

25/4

Sri.N.V.Babu Reddy,B.A.,
Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Bangalore.

Draft D.O. letter

1251/S5 26.4.50

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the letter, dated 2nd April, received from Sri B N Gopala Rao, Requesting ~~for~~ the grant of "Food allowance" for the month of April 1950 and to

~~Transmit~~
Request you ~~to forward to this~~
~~that the Connected available~~
~~office papers, if any, relating~~
light on the Subject.

you to intimate whether the matter was dealt with by the Gopalarao Enquiry Committee, and if so, where the Connected papers are.

Yours Sincerely

26/4

(Chief Secretary to Govt.

27/4/50.

Sri N.V. Balri Reddy, B.A,
Deputy Inspector General of Police,
~~and Ld. Secretary, Gopala Rao~~
~~Enquiry Committee~~, Bangalore

22.4.50.

To
The Hon'ble
Office of the
T. 199
Sir, No.
Date 21/4/50

Chief minister,
Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Sikhk Rec'd 26/4
23/4 CB 26/4/50.

The food-allowance to my 8 children, so Kindly Sanctioned by your Hon'ble Self in the month of March 1950, was drawn and destributed on 6-3-1950, and my children were happy.

Since 6th of this month, I am trying to get the Sanctioned food-allowance to my children & keep their life going. Today is 20th April and I have not yet Secured it.

It may be, that your time, as the chief minister of this State, is very precious; Mighty, big problems are engaging your mind; and the Small, little affair of the life of my poor, little, wretched children might have escaped your notice; I perfectly realise your difficulties, and Sincerely wish I could wait a little longer to suit your time of Convenience; But, alas! this poor me, this humble Self, ventures to suggest, that anything may be postponed but not the act of living. Hence this reminder, for which I crave your Kind indulgence.

We have We have no rep. Dy C. Ch

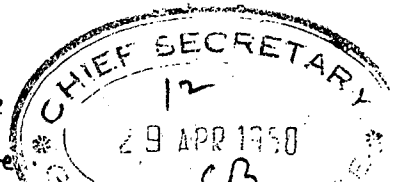
Yours Sincerely,
26/4/50 B. N. Gopala Rao

B. N. Gopala Rao
16, First Main Road
Chamarajpet
Bangalore City
21-4-1950

Chief Sec.
I want previous References regarding this Subject.
KCR 22/4

To,

The Chief Secretary,
Govt of Mysore
Bangalore



Dear Sir,

The food supply to my 8 children has been completely blockaded. Even, the rationed, last year's paddy crop from my wife's lands at T. Narasipur, has been withheld by the Govt. Even the food allowance, recommended by the members of the Committee, and sanctioned by the chief minister last month, has been withheld in this very second month. The cry of my hungry, starving children, has been rending the parents' heart, and rending the very elements with their ineffectual cries for help. I am therefore repeatedly reminding you of this allowance. I pray, let not my continous & incessant appeals disgust you, for they are nothing more and nothing less than a father's love of children, and a man's struggle for existence. This is my final appeal, and a drowning man's last straw. Being feeble, alone

and helpless against the all-powerful Actions of Government
it is given to me, to do nothing more than to cry to God
and His representatives on earth. God is still showing
His infinite Mercy to me and to my 8 children, in this, that
while giving you power to starve my children, He has
blessed me & my children, atleast with sufficient strength
to bear all the sufferings & miseries, subjected to them, and
something more. This is my comfort and joy.

If you are in a mood to save my
children from ruin and starvation, kindly hasten to
despatch the food allowance without further delay, and
before it is too late.

I am,
Yours sincerely
B. N. Gopala Rao.

B. N. Gopala Rao
16, First main road,
Chamarajpet,
Bangalore City
29-4-50

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1587/CB.

3rd May 50

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Sri N.V.Babu Reddy,
Deputy Inspector General of Police,
B a n g a l o r e.

Subject: Maintenance and food allowance to Sri B.N.Gopala Rao.

... .

I am directed to invite your reference to this Office letter No.1251/C.B. dated 26th April 1950 on the above subject and to request you to expedite your reply.

Yours faithfully,

4/5/50

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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N.V. BABU REDDY, B.A.,
SECRETARY,
Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee

CB 5 Rafes

Bangalore,
Dated 6th May 1950.

6-5-50
8/5/50

No: 19/50.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. C.B. 1251/50-51 dated 26th April 1950, forwarding the application of Sri.B.N. Gopala Raoclaiming maintenance and food allowance for the month of April 1950 etc., and calling for a report on the same, I write to state that, the Insolvency Case that was pending before the District Judge, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, was transferred to the Committee, as the Committee was vested with the powers of disposing the same along with all the other proceedings connected with it under section 7 B.(1) of the Special Enquiry Committee (Amendment Act) 1949, which was promulgaged by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and which was published in the Mysore Gazette on the 6th day of June 1949.

The Committee is deemed to close on the day the report is sent to the Government. Accordingly Sri.B.N.Gopala Rao was paid the maintenance upto to 1st March 1950, under orders of the Chairman dated 28th February 1950, on his application dated 18th February 1950 addressed to the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, Bangalore, which reads as follows:

" The award of maintenance to the petitioner cannot be said to be warranted when evidence is let in on the day the enuqiry is taken into consideration. The Committee however feel bound by the order already passed by the Court. The liability is accordingly charged to make the payment at the rate awarded till the end of February 1950, that is to say, until the date of report is ~~xx~~ sent to the Government and closing the establishment of the Committee."

The report was actually submitted to the Government on 15-3-50and the Committee was closed on 31-3-50. He may be paid maintenance for another fortnight only.

The investigation by the committee has clearly proved that Sri. B.N.Gopala Rao and his Partner have to ~~g~~till account for nearly 6.73 millions of rupees, and even

if they have spent a million over a period of 10 years they must have secreted the balance.

I am of opinion that he is making this application just to make it appear that he is really poor. We had kept a close watch on his house for nearly one year and we could easily say that he is living quite an extravagant life. He buys six seers of milk per day and no poor man can afford this luxury. He smokes four packets of Wills Navy Cut Cigarettes per day. The above two items alons cost more than Seven Rs. 7/- per day.

His prayer for maintenance (or food allowance as he calls)does not deserve any consideration and may summarily be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

N. V. Narasimha Reddy
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Sri. K. Srinivasan, B. Sc.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt,
of Mysore - Bangalore.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT
1950
CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH

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Sir W.V.D.

PERSONAL.

Office of the Chief Minister
No. T 246
Date of Receipt 8/5/50
Date of Return

To,
His Excellency the Hon'ble Chief Minister
Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

The food allowance to my 8 children, recommended by the members of the Enquiry Committee in March, 1950, and sanctioned by your Hon'ble self, is again stopped for these 2 months, April and May. Several reminders to you and the Chief Secretary in this connection have not met a better fate than a foot-ball, kicked from right wing to left, and left to right and finally off the boundary. My children have been suffering without food and shelter for these 3 years. The tragedy of their fate is that they are made to starve in the midst of plenty of my assets of over 40 lakhs, now in the hands of the Government. Even their God-given food, their rations the last year's paddy crop from their lands at T. Narasipur is denied to them.

As their father, I feel too helpless against the stubborn, overpowering action of the Government. While I notice the strong, powerful iron wheels of the Government passing over the tender hearts of my little children, I can do nothing more than raise a cry of alarm "Stop,Stop". God is a witness to this scene. The pulse of my children is the pulse of the whole world to me. Being subject to starvation for these three years, their pulse is failing, just as the water of Krishnarajasagara is failing. I would like to assure you with all prophetic seriousness, that the world is not going to be a bit happier than my little innocent children.

The Great rulers of the State swore before the High Heavens on 26th January 1950 to dedicate their lives and powers to preserve and to protect the fundamental rights of every citizen, his rights to his life and his rights to his property. It is said in the Indian Constitution that " No

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Chief Sec.
There have been previous letters from this Gentleman on the same matter. I wanted previous references may please be put up with a note.
KCA
8/5/50

4-15 p.m.
8/5/50
CS
Please put up separately

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" No one shall be deprived of his property without proper authority or law". But yet, in the case of my unfortunate family, the food and shelter are snatched away from the tender hands of my little innocent children in spite of my enormous assets and solvency, and the children are starved and kicked aside like wounded dogs, to lick and live on their wounds. The Ordinance dated 1-6-49 according to which the Committee have excersised powers, gives powers to the Committee to recover properties only <u>from my creditors</u>. Thus my wife's lands and properties have been recovered without any authority or law.

The refusal of food-allowance to my family for 3 years, in spite of my assets of 40 lakhs, and in spite of my repeated appeals and cries, has instilled into our mind the horrid fear, that the Government of Mysore have schemes upon my life and the lives of my children. No other explanation is feasible for this strange and murderous attitude. There is enough sin in this <u>One inhuman act</u> to bring down ruin and distruction on the whole world in general and on people directly responsible for this, in particular. I do not know what to do, where to go, and whom to beg for help; and I am going round my friends like a mad man, to consult what else is to be done by me to awaken the Government to a sense of their duty and responsibility to my little, helpless children. Kindly imagine what would have been the fate of my children, if my God had not intervened and blessed me and my children with sufficient strength to bear, the misery, the torture and the starvation for these 3 years.

My heart is bleeding for my children, and along with the blood, my prayer to God is also gushing out of my heart to continue to bless me and my little children with sufficient strength to endure and to survive the devastating

devastating effects of 3 years' ruin, misery and starvation subjected to me and my family by the Government of Mysore.

My humble self does not dare to take up a stand against the mighty Government, who hold not only all my assets but also the very thread of the existence of me and my family, in between their two fingers, and demand an answer to my one question "Why are my children starved?"; for should I dare to do so, the little pressure shall cut the thread and my children may perish. Rather, I think that my protest will be more effective by my silent suffering, leaving the Power behind me, the great Merciful God, to get the answer to my question from the Government, the law-maker, the law-giver and the great protector of the down-trodden citizens.

Kindly grant the food-allowance to my 8 children, from out of my assets and deliver the precious sacred lives of my children to my care and charge immediately.

Yours faithfully,

B N Gopala Rao

Date 6 - 5 - 1950.

No: 16
First Road (Main)
Chamarajpet
Bangalore City

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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PERSONAL.

Copy to, The Chief Secretary,
Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

To, The Hon'ble Chief minister,
Bangalore

Sir,

The food allowance to my 8 children, recommended by the members of the Enquiry Committee in March, 1950, and sanctioned by your Hon'ble self, is again stopped for these 2 months, April and May. Several reminders to you and the Chief Secretary in this connection have not met a better fate than a foot-ball, kicked from right wing to left, and left to right and finally off the boundary. My children have been suffering without food and shelter for these 3 years. The tragedy of their fate is that they are made to starve in the midst of plenty of my assets of over 40 lakhs, now in the hands of the Government. Even their God-given food, their rations the last year's paddy crop from their lands at T. Narasipur is denied to them.

As their father, I feel too helpless against the stubborn, overpowering action of the Government. While I notice the strong, powerful iron wheels of the Government passing over the tender hearts of my little children, I can do nothing more than raise a cry of alarm "Stop,Stop". God is a witness to this scene. The pulse of my children is the pulse of the whole world to me. Being subject to starvation for these three years, their pulse is failing, just as the water of Krishnarajasagara is failing. I would like to assure you with all prophetic seriousness, that the world is not going to be a bit happier than my little innocent children.

The Great rulers of the State swore before the High Heavens on 26th January 1950 to dedicate their lives and powers to preserve and to protect the fundamental rights of every citizen, his rights to his life and his rights to his property. It is said in the Indian Constitution that " No

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Yours faithfully,

B. N. Gopala Rao

Date 6 · 5 - 1950.

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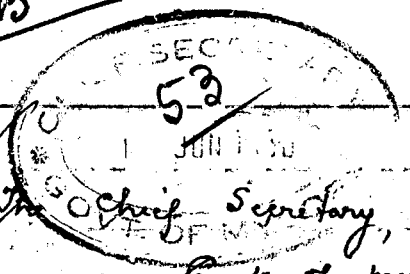

16, 1st Main Road,
Chamarajpet,
Bangalore
1-6-1950

To,
The Chief Secretary,
Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

The food-allowance to me, ordered by the Court on 1-4-1949, and sanctioned again by the Enquiry Committee and Chief minister on 6-3-1950, has not been paid to me for these 3 months, March, April & May 1950.

All my assets of-40 lakhs are in your hands; I and my 8 children are starving without food to eat, a house to live in, and a piece of cloth to cover our backs.

I have been making repeated appeals & cries to you, to the Chief minister & to the Raja Pramukh for these 3 months, without any response; And, now, Once again, not knowing what else to do, whom else to see & where else to go, I cling to your feet, like a mad, desperate man, as a drowning man's last straw.

I have no money to buy rations for my children Please send the food allowance for 3 months immediately & save our lives & earn the blessings of the starving children.

Yours Sincerely,

16, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

P. 19/50-51. 1026/ Shri HPB J

Park House,

Mysore, 23rd May 1950

My dear Sir,

I am desired to send herewith, for favour of disposal, letter dated the 17th May 1950, from B.N.Gopal Rao, 16, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Chief Minister

No. T. 321.

Date of Receipt .....

Date of Return .....

The Hon'ble
Sri K. Chengalaraya Reddy, B.A.,B.L.,
Chief Minister of Mysore, Bangalore.

Where is the file about his maintenance grant? What is to be done? Please note

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Submitted.

The main file is transferred to Law Br for remarks with D.No. 664/Cess on 15/5/50. If approved this will be put up on its return. yes. please remind next week if it is not returned in the meantime. Stmp 27/5/50. 27/5/50.

Subsf

27.5.50. Another petn from Sri B.N.G. Rao is recd. in the same matter & is put up here with. A reminder is put up for appl

Issue 30

2.6.50.

Routine note sent today. KM 31/5/50.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on smal slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

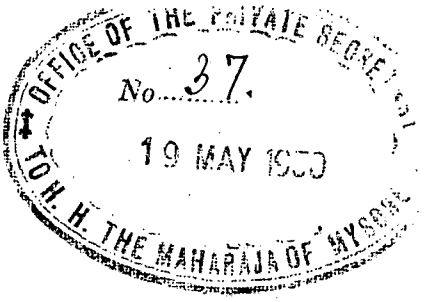
B. N. GOPALARAO

16, I main Road
Chamarajapet
Bangalore City,

Dated 17 May 1950.

To.

The Private Secretary
to
His Highness the Maharaja
Rajapramukh of Mysore,
MYSORE.



Sir,

Received from His Highness on 23.5.50

Sub: Appeal to His Highness.

I beg to enclose herewith my appeal in original to His Highness the Maharaja the Raja-Pramukh of Mysore, which, I beg, may kindly be submitted to His Highness.

Soliciting the favour and thanking you,

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Very faithfully yours,

B N Gopala Rao

Encl: Appeal (7 pages)

May it please your Highness,

The Enquiry Committee have collected my total assets of nearly 96 lakhs, against my total liability of 43 lakhs. Allowing 20 lakhs towards income-tax and 43 lakhs towards liabilities, I shall have my assets of at least 33 lakhs, left over, after clearing all my liabilities. This is my true financial position.

The purpose of a Court in any civilized country is to administer justice. In my case, a claim of 180 lakhs had been entertained by the Court. I was not publicly examined. I was adjudged insolvent; my objections to the claims were ruled out. The claim of 180 lakhs had been admitted to be correct without any examination of claims. All my properties were seized and auctioned. Even my wife's jewels, lands and houses were taken possession of by the Government. No food allowance was sanctioned to me and to my 8 children. Three pies dividend in a rupee had been declared and the list was put up. Were it not for the timely interference of the Committee, all the poor honest criditors woul have been ruined.

The Court thus tried their level best to suppress truth by law and ruin people.

The purpose of the police department in any civilized country is to investigate Truth. In my case, 15 charge sheets of cheating were fabricated against me by the Police, without even one complainant, complaining to have been cheated by me. Hence, naturally, when the case came up for trial, it was difficult for the police to pursuade the witnesses to appear in the Court and give false evidence. The two complainants, Figuerado and Gomes of Goa, refused to come to the court to give evi-

evidence, nor were they prepared to appear before the Committee to take their so-called dues. Many complainants began to withdraw their complaints. One witness, Dr. Noronah, who made bold to come to court, solemnly deposed that he never complained to the police that he had been cheated by me. Thereupon my lawyer, Mr. H. V. Krishna Rao, called upon the prosecuting witness to produce the original statement. Then, the case was stopped. I was arrested on 14-12-1946, and my account books and presentation silver articles were seized from my house by the police on the basis of complaint of cheating by Mrs. da' Costa. Mrs. da'Costa refused to appear in the court and substantiate her grievance, if she had any. Further, the silver articles seized by the police to furnish evidence and prove their case against me have already been sold 2 years ago and have dis-appeared. Thus the police cases have the support of neither the witness on the one hand nor the evidence on the other, neither the support of law nor facts, neither the left leg nor the right. Thus the investigator of truth is as far away from truth as from GOD and has tried his level best to subvert and overtake truth. Truth has now prevailed and the officer has lagged behind.

Between the two evil forces, the Court on the one side, the police on the other side, I and my 8 children were crushed and we have suffered for 3 years from worst misery and starvation, not ~~Not~~ that I did any wrong, and committed any other sin but birth, but because, I was one, feeble and helpless, and the Government, made up mostly of my clientele, was wicked vindictive, and heartless and had determined to set my house on fire, burn my children alive, and to ruin

ruin my whole family in'toto', and to accomplish this devilish act, my creditors, as Government Officers, took the law of the land in their own hand and subjected me and my 8 children to this misery and starvation for these 3 years. Pitying me and my innocent children, in utter state of helplessness and surrounded by Government, Police and Court Officers, with cudgels in their hands to smite the blow, the very GOD came from heavens, right down to this earth in the form of Enquiry Committee and have taken us out from the tiger's den. The Government of Mysore, that was at the time of my crash in December 1946, is now extinct. This is GOD'S Vengeance. We are rescued; but the Government's horrid policy of starving us out of this world is still continuing to this minute. The court disallowed even a morsel of food allowance to me and my 8 children. All the supplies of food were effectively blocked. They seem to have tried their level best to starve us out of this world, so that many unpleasant truths may not come out; for it is said that a dead man can tell no tale. My family was turned to a family of beggars and gypsies, moving from house to house, begging for food and shelter. The police were not satisfied with this damage done to the family, but they tried hard to prevent us from procuring food by ~~beging~~ begging, by making a false propoganda against me, that I was a cheat and by warning and threatening the charitable-minded people with imprisonments and fines, if they gave food and shelter to me and my 8 children.

In my good time, my best and most trusted friends grabbed from me enormous profits, lived in mansions, moved in cars and always sat on velvet. They wrote fine letters of appreciation and presented me with 6 lakhs, being 1/10 of the profit. Now, when I am fallen, the

the false friends dropped me like red-hot iron ball, leaving me and my children to the care of the sun, wind and rain. In my good time, a good lot of charities had been donated by me, Rs 50,000/- towards Children's hospital and Rs 50,000/- to Children's education etc. etc. In recognition of my services, a title was also conferred upon me by the Government and NOW, in my present time of distress and helplessness, the very Government, who were so loud in their praise then, have now joined hands with my false friends and helped to lay my family in desolation and ruins.

My repeated appeals and cries of my hungry children for a morsel of food have resulted in nothing and my beloved innocent children are kicked aside, like wounded dogs to lick and live on their wounds for these 3 years. My repeated cry and prayer to Government for these 3 years has been only this: To allow from out of my assets of 40 lakhs, a morsel of food to my 8 children. The result was that even their rations, 60 seers of rice, a gift from mother Cauvery to my children, last year harvest paddy crop from their lands at T. Narasipur, was snatched away recently in February 1950, from the tender hands of my innocent hungry children by the Government, who had sworn only on 26th January 1950, in the name of God to dedicate their powers to preserve and protect the fundamental rights of every helpless and down-trodden citizen, his rights to his life and his rights to his property. My children asked for bread and were given stone by Government. I have thousand doubts in my mind but I am positively certain of one thing that whatever may be the future of me and my 8 children, who are now in the hands of the Great Merciful God, He shall not forgive the Police and the Court people, directly responsible

responsible for the starvation and ruin of my family and this act of butchery shall pursue them like a blood-hound to their graves. On one side, you see my family in desolation and ruins. On the other side, you see Krishnarajasagar, a sea of water is turned to a lake of mud.

Further a close study of the events, with respect to the Government and some high police and court officers of the Government, soon after my crash in December 1946, would reveal to any simple-minded man, the hand and the kind interference of GOD in my affair. I am prone to look upon all this as an act of vengeance of GOD against cold-blooded murder of my children. No "Yaga" or "Japa" to GOD will be more effective than to give back the food and shelter snatched away from their tender hands by the Government.

I may be feeble, and helpless and only One, against the Government and unnumerable false friends and relatives, and may not be able to open your heart, but Invisible Godly Power behind me is sufficiently powerful, I affirm, to force the hands of the Government and the whole world to right action.

When I see around me and my children, a number of false friends, and Government officials with cudgels in their hands, now paralysed, with great wish to smite the blow but without any ability to do so, I realise the GOD's infinite Mercy towards my children and I see them safe and smiling in my FATHER's Hands and Care. He has spared us till this moment, perhaps to seek mercy and redress at your HIGHNESS HANDS.

In the meanwhile, I and my 8 children fall at your lotus feet and pray for mercy and protection, for it is said " నా ఎవ్వు ప్రభువు నీవు " and we see our GOD and protector in you. It has been a tradition in your Ikshva

Ikshvaku Kshatriya family, come down from father to son without any break, that honest people, who have surrendered and fallen at your feet, shall never be forsaken" శరణాగతరక్ష మోక్షమువ్వరు నిర క్షత్రియుల లక్షణ ." I have once touched your feet, my LORD, and earned your grace and by virtue of that act, I have now the strength to look the troubles squarely in the face withutter spirit of difiance and scorn. I am making this appeal to you on behalf of my 8 children, with every belief and confidence that you will save them from the deadly grasp of the Government.

I hope that my prayer for a morsel of food to my children from out of my assets of 40 lakhs, shall be immediately granted and that there shall not be any necessity to take my appeal to any higher personage than your exalted self. While 2 lakhs, the cost of the Committee is debited to my assets of 40 lakhs, it is a disgrace to humanity and civilization to grudge to grant a morsel of food to my children and starve them.

I have made repeated cries and appeal to the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, which have remained till this moment as ineffective as my cries in wildnerness. I confidently assert that I have enough materials to make a clear case of "atempt to murder" of my children by starvation against the Government, with GOD and TRUTH as my witnesses and proceedings of the criminal and civil courts as documentary evidence.

" Men may dislike truth; Men may find truth". Offensive and inconvenient; Men may persecute truth, subvert it, try by law to suppress it; but to maintain that men have the final power over truth is a blasphemy and the last illusion. Truth lives for ever; Men do not."

While the Government are feeding the worst criminals in gaol at Government cost, while they are feeding even murderers, till hanged, at Government cost, why should they starve a family of 8 children, in spite of their enormous assets of 40 lakhs, a family from whom the Government have accepted donations of lakhs of rupees in charities? It is the duty, set upon Government by the Great GOD to give food to my children. If the Government fail to do so, they are rousing the wrath of God who is now up against the Government. He is not against me and my children, for, He has given me and my children enough strength to bear all the miseries and sufferings that the Government have loaded on our head, and even more. That is why we remain alive till today in spite of the Government's starvation campaign against us.

The purpose of this letter is only to awaken the Government to a sense of their duty and the rest remains with the Government and GOD and unless the Government is more powerful than GOD, they are sure to come to grief and repentance.

With this, please allow me to always remain,

Yours Highness,
Your most loyal citizen,
B.N. Gopala Rao

Bangalore,
Dated 17 - May - 1950.

B. N. Gopala Rao
16, First Main Road
Chamarajpet,
Bangalore City

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To,

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARY
20 JUN 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

21/6/50.

I enclose herewith a copy of my application for food-allowance, addressed to the Hon'ble Pundit Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, for your information.

I am,

Yours Sincerely
BN. Gopala Rao

Dated 19-6-1950

16, First Road,
Chamarajpet
Bangalore.

Subs

The main file is put up with Council Note. This will be referred to Council Sect^t to place this in the main file. The case is for Consideration at a meeting of the Council.

21/6/50

Chief Secy

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21/6/50

CHIEF SECRETARY
2640
22 JUN 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

21.6.50.

23/6

To, The Prime Minister of India
New Delhi

May it please His Excellency,

The food allowance to me, ordered by the Court on 1-4-1949, recommended by the members of Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, sanctioned by the Chief Minister of the Government of Mysore, and drawn by me on 6-3-1950, has not been paid to me for these 3 months, viz., March, April, and May 1950.

2. My assets of 40 lakhs of Rupees, left to my credit after clearing all my liabilities, my moveables and immoveable properties, my wife's jewels, lands and houses, and the last pie of my whole and entire assets are now in the hands of the Government of Mysore. I am a native of Mysore, and a citizen of India. The Government of Mysore have magnanimously accepted and received donations of lakhs of rupees from my humble self towards construction of Children's Hospital and College. After long investigation and thorough examination of my character and charities, a title of "DHARMA RATNAKARA" was conferred upon me unsolicitedly by H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore; thus I have the privelege and the honour to say that I am a Title Holder and winner of His Highness the Maharaja's grace. I do not wish to blow my trumpet and throw flood-light on my little acts of charity, but I have mentioned all this to point out to you how <u>unfair and unjust</u> it is on the part of the Government to turn a big family of 9 children, solvent to the degree of 40 lakhs of rupees and useful to the world to a certain degree, into a family of beggers and gypsies, moving from house to house, begging for food and shelter

shelter. A land where an honest man feels unsafe and insecure is a jungle and not a civilized town and cannot boast of a Government.

3. On 26th January 1950, the great and momentous day in the dull calender of India, the day of Independence and Swaraj toIndia, when the great leaders of India and the desciples of Mahatma Gandhi solemnly swore to preserve and protect the rights of every helpless and down-trodden citizen of India, his rights to his life, and his rights to his properties as they took charge of 350 millions of lives, including half-lives of my 8 wretched children, I and my 8 children, plentifully, shared in the rejoicings all over India, over the new era of freedom and happiness to this country, little knowing, alas! that the Government of Mysore would deprive us of all our properties without any authority or law and further try to deprive us of our lives by starvation without food allowance. On 10th ~~October~~ February 1950, hardly before the ink, with which the Indian Constitution was signed, was dried up, a few seers of rice from my wife's lands at T. Narasipur, the last morsel of food, was snatched away from the tender hands of my children by the strong Government of Mysore, who has no heart to feel and no ears to hear, the cries of my hungry helpless children. Having snatched away our food and shelter the Government of Mysore have been nourishing me and my children with fear, under the shelter of a sword, kept hanging over our heads for these 3 years, the sword being 15 criminal false police cases, neither conducted nor withdrawn for these 4 years, which I assure you would ultimately reveal corruption, villainy and lawless-ness in the Police Department. Had I not known, that the people, in police uniform who arrested me without any complaint of cheating from any body,

anybody, and who raided my house and seized all my properties, were Mysore Government Police Officers, I would have called ~~call~~ them all straightaway " " Robbers, and their act, licensed Robbery. Flushed with power, utterly devoid of mercy and justice the Government exploited my situation of single-handedness and helplessness and kicked me and my children aside like wounded dogs to lick and live on the wounds, inflicted on us by them and left us starving in the streets without food to eat, a house to live in, and a piece of cloth to cover our backs. We have been walking the streets of Bangalore for these 3 years, crying and crying for help, rending the very elements with our ineffectual cries for help. Is this the way, My Lord, for the Government to extend relief to an honest distressed, fallen family? No court was allowed to interefere with, and no law of the land was allowed to come in the way of, their work of havoc and ruination on my family.

4. Further to starvation, the Government made a false propoganda that I am a cheat through 15 charges of cheating against me, and that I was 'insolvent and Pauper' through adjudication of Insolvency in the Civil Court. Between these 2 courts, civil and criminal, I and my children were crushed. People say that the world is wide, but we, being shunned by all, have found the world too narrow for me and my children to live. This wild behaviour of the Government struck terror into our hearts, and my wife, overwhelmed with misery and shame, twice attempted to commit suicide and twice I have prevented from doing so, by putting before her eyes the pictures of your Honourable Self and Mahatma Gandhi, the saviours of India, whom we are daily worshipping as visible Gods, not being able to comprehend the form of real God. Nothing achieved so far, my wife has kicked me away as a cheat and is now seriously thinking of

of divorcing me, and thus, I now call God to witness my family ~~being~~ is completely ruined and broken to pieces, by the builders of a nation. The Government have sworn in the name of God on 26th January 1950, to protect our lives and properties, and our properties are seized and our lives, starved. Is Bharat, our holy land, my Lord a place where sacred vows are broken while making? After all, I am begging the Government for these 3 years, just a morsel of food allowance out of my assets of 40 lakhs, grant of lease of lives to my children, Nothing more, nothing less. My Lord, look at the magnitude of agony of my heart and look at the length of time of 3 years. I have suffered from such an agony. I am however yet preserved by the Great Merciful God, perhaps for the furtherance of His Will and for my realization of His Infinite power and Mercy.

I have made incessant and repeated appeals and cries to the Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore, Chief Minister, Government of Mysore and the Raja Pramukh of Mysore, who have not cared to show me the scant courtesy of even a line in reply. My appeals and their acknowledgements are herewith enclosed for your kind perusal. My appeals to them have not met a better fate than a foot-ball kicked from one wing to the other. Now, not knowing what else to do, whom else to see and where else to go, I am wandering hither and thither, like a mad desperate man and in this moment of dispair, your words " I shall make every citizen of India, from Cape Comorin to Himalayas feel as free and as happy as myself. I am your servant and not your master" have inspired ~~my~~ me and I am therefore holding your feet firm as a drowning man's last straw and pray for the grant of lives to my 8 children, who are now more dead than alive on account of 3 years starvation campaign of the

the Government against me and my 8 children. A few good friends of mine warned me that if I wished well of my beloved children, I should keep my mouth shut and that if I opened my mouth against the mighty powerful Government, who hold the very thread of existence of my 8 children and myself, in between their two fingers I might be ground to death. True, the process of grinding is going on for these 3 years and yet I am spared by the Grace of God. However, if in my attempt to rescue my children from the jaws of death, I should meet death myself, I would look upon such a death as the greatest victory won in the battle of my life and the noblest object of my life fulfilled.

6. I beg you hand-folded to bestow on this vital matter, your great and kind attention, as it is a matter of life and death of my 8 children, and the children of your beloved India, who are always nearest and dearest to your heart, and investigate the truthfulness of my appeal with as much quickness and promptness as it deserves, and, if your honour feels that my children deserve the starvation to death, it would be infinite mercy on the part of the Government to shoot the whole family together, wholesale, rather than cut my children inch by inch by this slow starvation method and subject the parents to the horrid sight of their own children, perishing before their own very eyes. Otherwise, if in your honour's opinion, they deserve to live their lives and enjoy your Rama Rajya rule for a few years more, kindly arrange with the Government of Mysore for the IMMEDIATE grant of food allowance to my children out of their assets of 40 lakhs. " Render unto Ceaser what is Ceasor's" and the blessings of my starving children shall surely bring eternal peace and glory to your rule.

7. I am a seeker of God in human hearts. I have appealed to the Chief Secretary, Chief Minister and even

eveh the Raja Pramukh without any response. I have travelled long, far and wide, in the realm ofheart, and now, I and my 8 children are most delighted to find at last the road, by tears and prayers, to thy divinest heart and we therefore throw ourselves at your feet and hold them firmly with a dying man's grip, and pray that your honour shall not deny bread to my starving children.

8. I am now conscious that I am before the Highest Power on earth, next to God and know not in what form I have to address you. Kindly therefore pardon me for the liberty I have taken to write this petition, dictated by ~~these~~ the severity of anxiety, and actually written, not with ink but with the blood, oozing out of my heart. Having suffered my Lord, for 3 years from misery and starvation, I am practically dead to all emotions, except those of anguish, misery and despair. My prayer to you is that this petition of mine, written with a mind shattered to pieces due to long suffering and misery, may graciously be construed to mean <u>nothing more and nothing less</u> than a man's love of life and a father's love of children. I know no law of cold print, but I do know only the law of the warm human heart and I therefore beg to be pardoned for this petition for all its shortcomings and failings in respect of form and decorum.

" Blessed Lord - Oh - High Deliverer
Forgive this feeble script, which doth thee wrong,
Measuring with little wit thy lofty love
I take refuge in Thy name and Thee!
I take my refuge, in Thy law of Good
I take my refuge in Thy Orders, OM."

I have the proud privilege to inform you that I am enjoying the grace and unfailing Mercy of Sri Ram and I have every faith and belief ~~xxx~~ that He shall

shall safe-guard my interest in every way and protect my helpless family and my beloved children THROUGH YOU and THROUGH YOU ALONE.

9. I am small and wretched; you are great and mighty; in spite of this difference in social level, say rather because of this difference, my children and your honour are bound to each other by the golden chords of love and admiration from the One, and pity and mercy from the other. The truest friends of the strong and mighty are always the weakest ones, for it is they who help the other realise the purpose of life and power. It is they, who help the other to realise God. This, my Lord, justifies and sanctifies this petition from my children, the lowest and the least to your exalted self.

I beg to remain,
Always your most loyal citizen,
(Sd) B N Gopala Rao

Bangalore,
Dated: 19 - 6 - 1950.

16, First Road,
Chamarajpet
Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 5106/GR. Dated Bangalore, 30.6.1950.

~~OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM~~

ENDORSEMENT

Granted to Sri.B.N.Gopala Rao,
16, First Main Road,
Chamarajapet,
Bangalore City.

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With reference to his petition dated 2nd April 1950 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and subsequent petitions praying for the continuance of a maintenance allowance, Sri.B.N.Copala Rao is hereby informed that his request cannot be entertained by Government.

Sd. K.Srinivasan,

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 5107-5109/GR Dated, 30-6-50

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the 1.Private Secretary to H.H.
2.Sri.N.V.Baby Reddy,B.A., D.I.G.Bangalore.
3.Advocate-General, Bangalore.

LC/5

For Chief Secretary to Government.
30/6/50.

Appendix F G—1] No. 4

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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16/29/6

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KMP 29.6.50 Chief Sec to Govt

29.6.50.

P.T.O

Copy of the above is forwarded to

1) to the Private Sec to H.H.,

2) ~~the~~ Sri N.V. Balan Reddy B.A.,
DIG. of Police, Bhe.

3) A.D.C. Genl. Bhe.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATES

No. D.6166-P/50. Dated New Delhi-2, the 19th July, 1950.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for disposal a petition (in original) from B.N. Gopala Rao, Bangalore, dated the 19th June, 1950.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary
to the Government of India.

CHIEF SECRETARY
CB
21 JUL 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

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This is a copy of the petn. recd from the Govt of Madras Sometime back. As final decn has already been taken in the matter this will be filed if approved. If considered necessary, the Govt of India will be informed of the decision taken in the matter

Chief Secy

Hon'ble Minister

Secretary

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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24 JUL 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

To, The Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi

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May it please the most Honble Prime Minister,

Ministry of Home Affairs
H.M.S. Personal Section
Diary No. 5157/50/5
File No. 1/2/50
Date

The food allowance to me, ordered by the Court on 1-4-1949, recommended by the members of Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, sanctioned by the Chief Minister of the Government of Mysore, and drawn by me on 6-3-1950, has not been paid to me for these 3 months viz., March, April and May 1950.

2. My assets of 40 lakhs of Rupees left to my credit after clearing all my liabilities, my moveable and immoveable properties, my wife's jewels, lands and houses, and the last pie of my whole and entire assets are now in the hands of the Government of Mysore. I am a native of Mysore, and a citizen of India. The Government of Mysore have magnanimously accepted and received donations oflakhs of rupees from my humble self towards construction of Children's Hospital and College. After long investigation and thorough examination of my character and charities, a title of " DHARMA RATNAKARA" was conferred upon me unsolicitedly by H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore; thus I have the privilege and the honour to say that I am a title Holder and winner of His Highness's grace. I do not wish to blow my trumpet and throw flood-light on my little acts of charity, but I have mentioned all this to point out to you how unfair and unjust it is on the part ofthe Government to turn a big family of 9 children, solvent to the degree of 40 lakhs of rupees and useful to the world to a certain degree, into a family of beggers and gypsies, moving from house tohouse, for food and shelter. A land where an honest man feels

feels unsafe and insecure is a jungle and not a civilized town and cannot boast of a Government.

3. On the 26th January 1950, the great and momentous day in the dull calender of India, the day of Independence and Swaraj to India, when the great leaders of India and the desciples of Mahatma Gandhi solemnly swore to preserve and protect the rights of every helpless and down-trodden citizen of India, his rights to his life, and his rights to his properties as they took charge of 350 millions of lives including half-lives of my 8 wretched children, I and my 8 children, plentifully shared in the rejoicings all over India, over the new era of freedom and happiness to this country, little knowing alas! that the Government of Mysore would deprive us of all our properties without any authority or law and further try to deprive us of our lives by starvation without food allowance. On 10th February ~~October~~ 1950, hardly before the ink, with which the Indian Constitution was signed, was dried up, a few seers of rice from my wife's lands at T.Narasapur, the last morsel of food, was snatched away from the tender hands of my children by the strong Government of Mysore, who has no heart to feel an no ears to hear the cries of my hungry helpless children. Having snatched away our food and shelter the Government of Mysore have been nourishing me and my children with fear, under the shelter of a sword, kept hanging over our heads for these 3 years, the sword being 15 criminal false police cases, neither conducted nor withdrawn for these 4 years, which I assure you would ultimately reveal corruption, villainy and lawless-ness in the Police Department. Had I not known, that the people, in police uniform who arrested me without any complaint of cheating from any body, and who raided my house and seized all my properties,

properties, were Mysore Government Police Officers, I would call them all straightaway Robbers, and their act, licensed Robbery. Flushed with power, utterly devoid of mercy and justice the Government exploited my situation of single-handedness and helplessness and kicked me and my children aside like wounded dogs to lick and live on the wounds, inflicted on us by them and left us starving in the streets of Bangalore without food to eat, a house to live in, and a piece of cloth to cover our backs. We have been walking the streets of Bangalore for these 3 years unseen & unheard, crying and crying for help, rending the very elements with our ineffectual cries for help. Is this the way, My Lord, for the Government to extend relief to an honest distressed, fallen family? No court was allowed to interefere with and no law of the land was allowed to come in the way of, their work of havoc and ruination on my family.

4. Further to starvation, the Government made a false propoganda that I am a cheat through 15 charge sheets of cheating against me, and that I was"insolvent and Pauper" through adjudication of Insolvency in the Civil Court. Between these 2 courts, civil and criminal I and my children were crushed. People say that the world is wide, but we, being shunned by all, have found the world too narrow for me and my children to live. This wild behaviour of the Government struck terror into our hearts, and my wife, overwhelmed with misery and shame, twice attempted to commit suicide and twice I have prevented her from doing so, by putting before her eyes the pictures of your Honourable Self and Mahatma Gandhi, the saviours of India, whom we are daily worshipping as visible Gods, not being able to comprehend the form of real God. Nothing achieved so far, my wife has kicked me away as a cheat and is now seriously thinking of

of divorcing me, and thus, I now call God to witness my family being completely ruined and broken to pieces, by the builders of a nation. The Government have sworn in the name of God on 26th January 1950, to protect our lives and properties, and our properties are seized and our lives starved. Is Bharat, our holy land, my Lord a place where sacred vows are broken while making? After all, I am begging the Government for these 3 years, just a morsel of food allowance out of my assets of 40 lakhs grant of lease of lives to my children. Nothing more, nothing less. My Lord, look at the magnitude of agony of my heart and look at the length of time of 3 years. I have suffered from such an agony. I am however yet preserved by the Great Merciful God, perhaps for the furtherance of His Will and for my realization of His Infinite power and Mercy.

I have made incessant and repeated appeals and cries to the Chief Secretary, Government of Mysore, Chief Minister, Government of Mysore and the Raja Pramukh of Mysore, who have not cared to show me the scant courtesy of even a line in reply. My appeals and their acknowledgements are herewith enclosed for your kind perusal. My appeals to them have not met a better fate than a foot-ball kicked from one wing to the other. Now, not knowing what else to do, whom else to see and where else to go, I am wandering hither and thither, like a mad desperate man and in this moment of dispair, your words " I shall make every citizen of India, from Cape Comorin to Himalayas feel as free and as happy as myself". "I am your servant and not your master" have inspired me and I am therefore holding your feet firm as a drowning man's last straw and pray for the grant of lives to my 8 children, who are now more dead than alive on account of 3 years starvation campaign of the

the Government against me and my 8 children. A few good friends of mine warned me that if I wished, well of my beloved children, I should keep my mouth shut and that if I opened my mouth against the mighty powerful Government, who hold the very thread of existence of my 8 children and myself, in between their two fingers, I might be ground to death. True, the process of grinding is going on for these 3 years and yet I am spared by the Grace of God. However; if in my attempt to rescue my children from the jaws of death, I should meet death myself, I would look upon such a death as the greatest victory won in the battle of my life and the noblest object of my life fulfilled.

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I beg to remain,
Always your most loyal citizen,
BN. Gopala Rao

Bangalore,
Dated: 19 - 6 - 1950.
16, First Main Road
Chamarajpet, Bangalore City

P.S. Who else is there, My Lord, in this wide, wide, world, for my little starving children, excepting me, the wretched me, their dying father, to cry for, and your honour, the Great Ruler of India, to save my children, hunted for death, by the Govt. of Mysore, animated by beastly power, utterly devoid of humanity, justice & Mercy. I have finished my appeal to You on behalf of my children, perhaps the last piece of work, which remained in my hands till this moment, to be done At His bidding.

"When I give up the helm, I know that the time has come for My Lord to take it. What there is to do, will be instantly done. Vain is my struggle. No more sailing, therefore, from harbour to harbour with this, my Weather-beaten boat."

DRAFT COUNCIL NOTE.

SUBJECT:- Grant of Maintenance and Food Allowances to Sri B.N.Gopala Rao.

Sri B.N.Gopala Rao has been sending a number of petitions addressed to His Highness and the Government urging the continuance of the payment of the Food allowance stopped at the end of March 1950.

granted to him by the G.E.C. and which has been

As there were no references as to the grant of any maintenance allowance in the Secretariat, ~~the~~ a report was called for from the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee.

An extract from the reply received is noted below:-

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"The Insolvency Case that was pending before the District Judge, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, was transferred to the Committee, as the Committee was vested with the powers of disposing the same along with all the other proceedings connected with it under section 7 B.(1) of the Special Enquiry Committee (Amendment Act) 1949, which was promulgated by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and which was published in the Mysore Gazette on the 6th day of June 1949.

The Committee is deemed to close on the day the report is sent to the Government. Accordingly, Sri B.N.Gopala Rao was paid the maintenance upto 1st March 1950, under orders of the Chairman dated 28th February 1950, on his application dated 18th February 1950 addressed to the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, Bangalore, which reads as follows:-

"The award of maintenance to the petitioner cannot be said to be warranted when evidence is let in on the day the enquiry is taken into consideration. The Committee however feel bound by the order already passed by the Court. The liability is accordingly charged to make the payment at the rate awarded till the end of February 1950, that is to say, until the date of report is sent to the Government and closing the establishment of the Committee."

The report was actually submitted to the Government on 15-3-50 and the Committee was closed on 31-3-50. He may be paid maintenance for another fortnight only.

The investigation by the Committee has clearly proved that Sri B.N.Gopala Rao and his Partner have to still account for nearly 6.73 millions of rupees, and even if they have spent a million over a period of 10 years they must have secreted the balance.

I am of opinion that he is making this application just to make it appear that he is really poor. We had kept a close watch on his house for nearly one year and we could easily say that he is living quite an extravagant life. He buys six seers of milk per day and no poor man can afford this luxury. He smokes four packets of Wills Navy Cut Cigarettes per day. The above two items alone cost more than Rs.7/- per day.

His prayer for maintenance (or food allowance as he calls does not deserve any consideration and may summarily be rejected."

The matter has also been discussed with Sri Babu Reddy, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, who worked as Secretary to the Committee. With the conclusion of the labours of this special Committee, the matters relating to the Insolvency proceedings must also be deemed to have been concluded; the original order of the Civil Court, ipso facto, gets spent on that date. Whether this date should be 15th March 1950, the date on which the final report was sent to Government, or whether it should be 31st March 1950, the date on which the Committee wound up the Office, is for orders.

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The papers were forwarded unofficially to the Accountant-General for ascertaining the legal position. which is agreed to by Law Dept

The opinion of the Advocate-General is extracted below:-

"It is seen from the letter dated 6-5-1950 of the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, that the Committee felt bound by the order passed by the Insolvency Court and paid maintenance up to 28-2-1950, i.e., the date of the Report. Mr. Babu Reddy however recommends that the Report was actually submitted to Government on 15-3-1950 and that the Committee's office was closed on 31-3-1950 and that B.N.Gopala Rao may be paid maintenance for another fortnight till 15-3-1950. This would not be in accordance with the order of the Chairman, may not be strictly logical though kind and may create an inconvenient precedent as payment has now been made up to 1-3-1950 under the orders of the Chairman. The granting of such maintnenace was, if at all, withing the powers of that Committee. As the Committee Report has been forwarded to Government and the proceedings before the Committee have terminated, Mr. B.N. Gopala Rao may be informed that his request for future maintenance allowances cannot be entertained by the Government."

The Chief Minister has ordered that the matter may be brought up before the Council as early as possible.

Hence this Note.

7/6/50

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STATES

No.D.6515-P/50. Dated New Delhi-2, the 18 August, 1950.

From

The Deputy Secretary to
the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for disposal a petition in original from B.N. Gopala Rao dated July 25, 1950.

Yours faithfully,

CGanesan

Deputy Secretary
to the Government of India.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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May it please the most honourable, the Prime Minister of India,

With reference to my petition for food allowance to me and to my Starving Children, an endorsement no D 7692 P.M.P. (II) 50, dated 1-7-1950, that my petition had been sent to States Ministry, New Delhi, for appropriate action was very Kindly granted to me. The very prospect of food Supply has sustained us for these 3 weeks & we have again relapsed.

I Know that mighty problems are engaging Your great mind. I wish that I and my children could wait for your time of leisure and convenience. But anything could be postponed, my Lord, but not the Act of Living.

The last pie of my entire and whole assets of 40 lakhs is now in the hands of the Govt of Mysore. Everything has been taken away from us; Everything Lest I should run up to you, and pour out my hearts grievings in person, the Govt of mysore have been Keeping me under arrest for these 4½ years, on account of police, false, never-to-be-tried Cases. Due to tiresome length of time, the bails are dropping off & the Govt are seriously thinking of binding me. After 3 years of nourishing me & my children with Fear, under the shelter of a Sword, Kept hanging Over my head, Now, they are thinking of locking me up. This is a change from the frying pan to the fire itself. Thus, besides my assets, the liberty of movement is taken away from me; Even, the liberty of living, inhaling and exhaling, is dangerously encroached upon, for they are Starving me in the midst of my Own Assets of 40 lakhs.

I request that as it is not practicable to take a final, quick decision of all the problems, connected with me & my properties, in the midst of numerous & unnecessary complications, created by the Govt of Mysore during the last 12 years, I may kindly be granted a loan at the rate of Rs 1000/- per month, until such time that all the cases concerning me are decided and a final award is given by the proper authority concerned.

This request is most reasonable in my opinion, as I am convinced, more than convinced, that the Govt of mysore are actually having my properties worth Over 40 lakhs in their possession Now, and without any reason, causing the starvation of my family and myself. I am convinced that whatever length of time may be required for the final award, the loan, I have requested for, together with reasonable interest, can never approach any significant Amount, comparable with the nett amount that I will be finally entitled to recieve from the Govt of Mysore. This magnanimous grant of a loan of a small sum to me, in this dire necessity will save the lives of my children.

People, who have lost all their moveable & immoveable properties in Pakisthan for no fault of theirs, and moved into India, are looked after, as a case fit for First Duty by the Govt of India, and loans of Rehabilitiation and free grants counting to crores of Rupees are being granted. I submit that I am as good a citizen as any other refugee, and in a worse position, in as much as, all my properties being seized by the Govt of Mysore, I am turned a refugee in my own land & have no option to migrate anywhere.

At this moment, what I can truly call my Own in this wide, wide world is the Sorrow of My Heart. I put it at Thy Altar and Pray "My Lord, Let everything be taken away from me. Let only that little be left of me, whereby I may name Thee my all; whereby I may Sing of Thee for Thy infinite Mercy and Kindness on this poor, wretched, unfortunate, forsaken Man. I have had enough of life & wish no more of it. A good, noble death, I prefer, to this miserable life. Let my heart burst with greatful Songs of Thee. It is such a Death, I crave for, at Your Merciful Hands. Therefore, my Lord, allow me not to be Starved & murdered.

While my cry for food to me & to my children is pending, the Govt have Sanctioned 8 months bonus to the Staff of the Committee, as per Paper Cutting attached. The Govt are thus feasting & merry-making Over my Assets of 40 lakhs, while I and my Children, the Owners of vast property, are fasting & gasping for breath. This Should Set Your mind clear of all doubts regarding the intention of the Govt to kill me & my children.

Save me & my Children, my Lord, from this "Blitz Krieg" from Govt of Mysore. Pray, Let not the ravens be allowed to peek my body, before I am Completely dead. You have heard the Gun-Shot at Korea & Your Sympathies have flown to the Far East & to the Foreign nations. You hear the Cries of my Starving Children for food in Your Own Land; Why not a little of the milk of human Kindness be allowed to flow in the direction of my Children?

I beg to remain, My Lord,

always Your Most Loyal Citizen,

B.N. Gopala Rao

Dated 25-7-1950
B.N. Gopala Rao
16, First Main Road,
Chamarajpet
Bangalore City

ENCLOSURES:- 2 paper Cuttings

Government.

It is gathered that in their recommendations they have brought to light the dealings of certain creditors who happen to be officers in the Mysore Government service.

It is learnt that no maintenance allowance would be given to Gopala Rao and his family.

The cost of the Commttee's work, I understand, will aggregate to Rs. 2 lakhs and it will be debited to Gopala Rao's assets.

Constituted by the Government the Committee had been armed with special powers under ordinances from stage to stage. Mr. R. Modappa, Chief Justice, Chairman, Mr. S. Nijalingappa, President, K.P.C.C., and Mr. T. Subramania, President, Mysore Constituent Assembly, assisted by Mr. N. V. Bapu Reddi, Deputy Inspector General of Police in Mysore have successfully managed to bring up the dividend from about 3 pies in the rupee to about 6 annas in the last one year and more.

GOVT. SANCTION BONUS FOR STAFF

Gopala Rao Enquiry Body

The Government of Mysore have sanctioned a bonus to the Secretary and other officials who worked in connection with the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, equal to one third of the total salary they had received, while on duty in the Committee. This decision by the Government is in pursuance of the recommendations of the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, for the grant of a bonus to the staff, who were engaged with the work of the Committee.

The recipients of the bonus will include Mr. N. V. Babu Reddy, Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Ramaswami, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Govindswami, Assistant Controller, Mr. Narasimhachar, D.S.P., the Manager, sub-inspectors, stenographers and others.

It may be recalled that the report of the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee which was submitted to the Government a few months back is under the consideration of the Government.

Fourteen cases for alleged cheating have been filed against B. N. Gopala Rao, and are pending before the Additional First Class Magistrate, Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF ~~HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA~~ OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 9682/Ca. *Dated Bangalore, 4.10.1950.*

~~OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM~~.

ENDORSEMENT

Sri.B.N.Gopala Rao,
16, First Main Road,
Chamarajapet, Bangalore City.

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In continuation of this office endorsement No.5106/C.B. dated 30th June 1950 and with reference to his petition addressed to the Hon'ble the Prime Minister of India, he is informed that his request cannot be entertained.

4/10/50

For Chief Secretary to Government.

LC/2

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.]

GENERAL AND REVENUE.

SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

No. 9682/CB Dt. 4.10.50

Endorsement-

To

Sri B. N. Gopal Rao.
16. First Main Road
Chamrajpet
Bangalore

In continuation of this office endorsement No 5106/CB Dt. 30-6-1950 and with reference to his petition addressed to the Hon'ble the Prime ~~Minister~~ Minister, he is informed that his request cannot be entertained. ~~by order~~

Asst. 20/10/50
for Secy. to Govt.

3.10.50.

WD 06072—GPB—25,000—21-6-49

Council File No. C.112/50-51
For Consideration
at a Meeting of Council
xmR
13.6.50.

COUNCIL NOTE.

SUBJECT:- Grant of Maintenance and Food Allowances to Sri B.N. Gopala Rao.

Sri B.N.Gopala Rao has been sending a number of petitions addressed to His Highness and the Government urging the continuance of the payment of the 'Food Allowance' granted to him by the Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee which has been stopped at the end of March 1950.

As there were no references in the Secretariat, as to the grant of any maintenance allowance, a report was called for from the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee.

An extract from the reply received is noted below:-

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"The Insolvency Case that was pending before the District Judge, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, was transferred to the Committee, as the Committee was vested with the powers of disposing the same along with all the other proceedings connected with it under section 7 B (1) of the Special Enquiry Committee (Amendment Act) 1949, which was promulgated by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and which was published in the Mysore Gazette on the 6th day of June 1949.

The Committee is deemed to close on the day the report is sent to the Government. Accordingly, Sri B.N.Gopala Rao was paid the maintenance upto 1st March 1950, under orders of the Chairman dated 28th February 1950, on his application dated 18th February 1950 addressed to the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, Bangalore, which reads as follows:-

"The award of maintenance to the petitioner cannot be said to be warranted when evidence is let in on the day the enquiry is taken into consideration. The Committee however feel bound by the order already passed by the Court. The liability is accordingly charged to make the payment at the rate awarded till the end of February 1950, that is to say, until the date of report is sent to the Government and closing the establishment of the Committee."

The report was actually submitted to the Government on 15-3-1950 and the Committee was closed on 31-3-1950. He may be paid maintenance for another fortnight only.

The investigation by the Committee has clearly proved that Sri B.N.Gopala Rao and his Partner have to still account for nearly 6.73 millions of rupees, and even if they have spent a million over a period of 10 years they must have secreted the balance.

I am of opinion that he is making this application just to make it appear that he is really poor. We had kept a close watch on his house for nearly one year and we could easily say that he is living quite an extravagent life. He buys six seers of milk per day and no poor man can afford this luxury. He smokes four packets of Wills Navy Cut Cigarettes per day. The above two items alone cost more than Rs.7/- per day.

His prayer for maintenance (or food allowance as he calls) does not deserve any consideration and may summarily be rejected."

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The matter has also been discussed with Sri Babu Reddy, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, who worked as Secretary to the Committee. With the conclusion of the labours of this special Committee, the ~~xxxxxx~~ matters relating to Insolvency proceedings must also be deemed to have been concluded; the original order of the Civil Court, ipso facto, gets spent on that date. Whether this date should be 15th March 1950, the date on which the final report was sent to Government, or whether it should be 31st March 1950, the date on which the Committee wound up the Office, is for orders.

'The papers were also forwarded unofficially to the ~~Accountant~~ Advocate General for ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ ascertaining the legal position.

The opinion of the Advocate-General which is agreed to by Law Secretary is extracted below:-

> "It is seen from the letter dated 6th May 1950 of the Secretary, Gopala Rao Enquiry Committee, that the Committee felt bound by the order passed by the Insolvency Court and paid maintenance up to 28th February 1950, i.e., the date of the Report. Mr. Babu Reddy however recommends that the Report was actually submitted to Government on 15th March 1950 and that the Committee's office was closed on 31st March 1950 and that B.N. Gopala Rao may be paid maintenance for another fortnight till 15th March 1950. This would not be in accordance with the order of the Chairman, may not be strictly logical though kind and may create an inconvenient precedent as payment has now been made up to 1st March 1950 under the orders of the Chairman. The granting of such maintenance was, if at all, within the powers of that Committee. As the Committee Report has been forwarded to Government and the proceedings before the Committee have terminated, Mr. B.N.Gopala Rao may be informed that his request for future maintenance allowances cannot be entertained by the Government."

The Chief Minister has ordered that the matter may be brought up before the Council as early as possible.

Hence this Note.

K. V. Ramakrishnaraja
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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I am of opinion that he is making this application just to make it appear that he is really poor. We had kept a close watch on his house for nearly one year and we could easily say that he is living quite an extravagant life. He buys six seers of milk per day and no poor man can afford this luxury. He smokes four packets of Wills Navy Cut Cigarettes per day. The above two items alone cost more than Rs.7/- per day.

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The Chief Minister has ordered that the matter may be brought up before the Council as early as possible.

Hence this Note.

K. M. Ramakrishnaiya
Chief Secretary to Government.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

WD 06866—GPB—8,000—12-8-47

Submitted.

The file relating to the grant of Maintenance Allowance to Sri B.N. Gopalaraoo was sent to Law Sey on 15/5/50 with D.No. 664/CB, for favour of opinion. The same is not received back in the CB. This may kindly be brought to the notice of the Law Sey with a request to return the file early as it is to be put up to the chief Sey and chief Minister

Under Secy Law 21/6/50

21/6/50

2.6.50.

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Submitted

The Corrected file was sent to the Law Sey on 29/5/50

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on smal slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form